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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference No. 3 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent and patent application publication references are not attached.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publication have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-4.
- ☒ 6. References 2 and 3 correspond to each other. References 1 and 4 correspond to each other.

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	3	JP A 2000-320438 (with abstract and translation)	11/21/2000	Japan	
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